

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-16 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended in this Amendment.

Claims 3-8 and 11-16 have been canceled in this Amendment.

New Claims 17-40 have been added in this Amendment.

Claims 1, 2, 9, 10 and 17-40 are pending in this application.

Consideration of Claims 1, 2, 9, 10 and 17-40 is respectfully requested.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-16 have been allowed. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended in this Amendment to correct typographic informalities noted by the Applicants. The Applicants respectfully submit that no change has been made to the scope of the claims and that Claims 1 and 9 (and Claims 2 and 10 depending therefrom) remain in condition for allowance.

The Applicants respectfully request that new Claims 17-40 be entered for consideration.

SUMMARY

If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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